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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" The matter is under consideration and the appointment of the Committee will be made early."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" இப்பொழுது தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்படும் ஜில்லா போர்டு அங்கத்தினர்கள் தாலூகா போர்டு அங்கத்தினர்களாக மாற்றப்படுவார்களா அல்லது தாலூகா போர்டு தேர்தல் புதிதாக நடைபெறுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" This has nothing to do with the main question, Sir."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, why cannot this be kept in abeyance till a decision to establish Taluk Boards is arrived at? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" As legislation and administrative arrangements necessary for bringing the Taluk Boards into existence will take some appreciable time, it has been decided that elections to District Boards should be proceeded with and that the District Boards should continue to function after the elections, until the Taluk Boards are set up."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are we to understand that the principle to establish Taluk Boards has been accepted by Government and only the details remain to be worked out? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" Sir, everything is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கமிட்டியை நியமனம் செய்வது பற்றி சர்க்கார் யோசனை செய்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? அல்லது கமிட்டியில் யார் யாரை நியமிக்கலாம் என்பதைப்பற்றி யோசனை செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" கமிட்டியில் யார் யாரை நியமிக்கலாம் என்பது சர்க்காரின் யோசனையில் இருந்து வருகிறது."

Celebration of Republic Day in 1954.

* 533 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of public money spent for the celebration of Republic Day in Madras during January 1954; and

(*b*) the amount of money spent on refreshments, etc.?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Out of the amount mentioned above a sum of Rs. 10,416–14–0 was spent in Madras.

" (*b*) Out of the amount mentioned above, a sum of Rs. 2,188–6–0 represents the cost of refreshments and Rs. 1,704 expenditure on entertainment, etc."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Is there any direction from the Central Government that the Republic Day should be celebrated and if so, what are the directions? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no special directive. The only directive is that it should be celebrated in a fitting manner."

Stocking of chemical manures in the godowns at Turaiyur.

* 534 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government stocked chemical manures at several godowns at Turaiyur (Tiruchirappalli district) in 1952–53;

(*b*) the monthly rent paid by the Government for the godown;

(*c*) for how many months and how much the Government actually paid towards the godown rent;

(*d*) how many bags were stocked originally; and what was the stock on 1st September 1953; and

(*e*) the total amount spent by the Government by way of transit and other incidental charges for stocking and clearing the said manure bags?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" From the printed statement furnished I find that 13,408 bags of chemical manures were stocked at Turaiyur and after five months it has increased to 13,439 bags. May I know wherefrom these bags of chemical manures were brought to Turaiyur, whether any sales were made to ryots and if not for what purpose these bags were stocked there? May I also know whether Government realise at least now that Rs. 27,000 had been wasted in aimlessly transporting chemical manures from one place to another? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I do not have with me any information now regarding the circumstances under which these manure bags were brought to Turaiyur and stocked there."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister at least tell us whether any sales of the chemical manures were made to ryots of Turaiyur during the 5 or 6 months when they were stocked there? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I should like to have notice, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" சபையின் மேஜைமீது வைக்கப் பட்டிருக்கும் ஸ்டேட்மெண்டை பார்த்தமாத்திரத்திலேயே இந்த உரங்களைக் கொண்டுபோவதற்காக அனாவசியமாக ரூ. 27,000 செலவழிக்கப்பட்டிருப்ப

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 193-194 infra.